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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph before line 3, on page 1, of the  
application:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/716,666,  
filed November 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,481,734, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.  
Serial No. 09/183,104, filed October 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,176,506, which is a  
continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/795,481, filed February 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No.  
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